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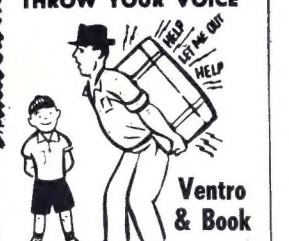

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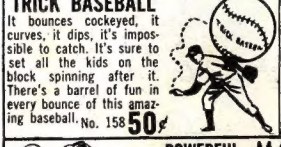

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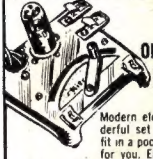

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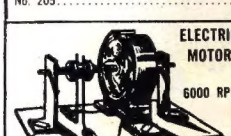

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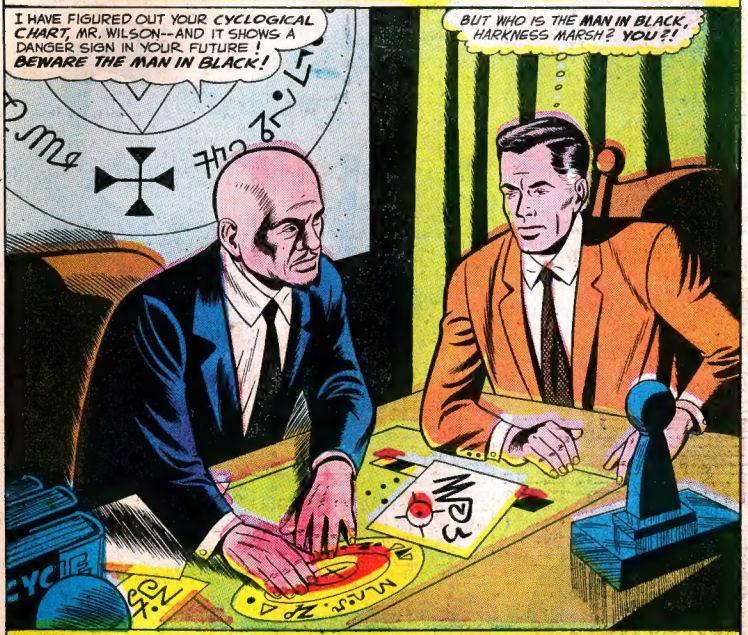
I HAVE FIGURED OUT YOUR CYCLOGICAL CHART, MR. WILSON--AND IT SHOWS A DANGER SIGN IN YOUR FUTURE! BEWARE THE MAN IN BLACK!
BUT WHO IS THE MAN IN BLACK, HARKNESS MARSH? YOU?!

EDITOR STEVE WILSON ASSIGNED HIMSELF THE JOB OF FINDING OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT HARKNESS MARSH--THE MYSTERY MAN ALL OF *BIG TOWN* HAD SUDDENLY STARTED TALKING ABOUT! BUT THE MORE STEVE DUG FOR FACTS THE DEEPER IN TROUBLE HE GOT--UNTIL HE FOUND HIMSELF IN A PITFALL FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO ESCAPE!

BEWARE The MAN in BLACK!

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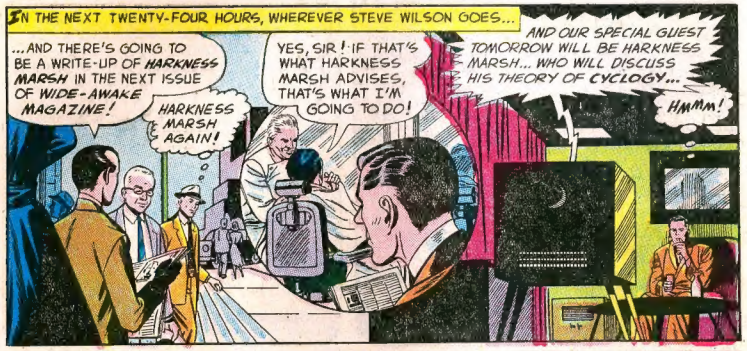
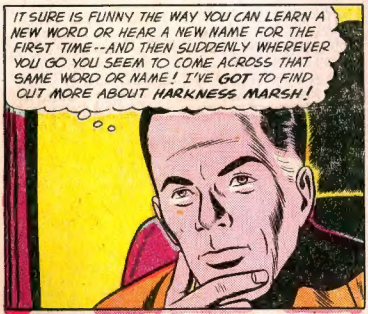
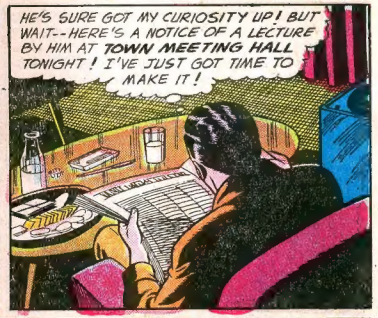
AS STEVE WILSON'S SECRETARY SORTS HER BOSS'S INCOMING MAIL...
I BETTER CALL THIS TO MR. WILSON'S ATTENTION AT ONCE!
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS EXPOSED HARKNESS MARSH--ONE OF THE BIGGEST FRAUDS OF ALL TIME?
Outraged citizen of Big Town.
WHEN THE EDITOR READS THE NOTE...
SOUNDS LIKE A CRANK NOTE! CHARLIE, DID YOU EVER HEAR OF ANY-ONE NAMED--HARKNESS MARSH?
NO, STEVE, I NEVER DID...
OH, MR. WILSON--!
I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HE'S A CYCLOGIST...
A PSYCHOLOGIST?
NOT A PSYCHOLOGIST, MR. ANDERSON--A CYCLOGIST! LIKE THIS...MR. MARSH CLAIMS THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN CYCLES--LIKE HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF!
CYCLOGIST
HE'S VERY POPULAR AMONG SOME PEOPLE IN BIG TOWN! SOME OF MY FRIENDS HAVE GONE TO HARKNESS MARSH FOR ADVICE--AND RAVE ABOUT HIM!
WELL, A NEWS-PAPER EDITOR LEARNS SOME-THING EVERY DAY...
AT LUNCH THAT NOON...
...AND NATURALLY SHE WENT TO HARKNESS MARSH FOR ADVICE...
I CAN'T HELP OVERHEARING...


IN THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, WHEREVER STEVE WILSON GOES...
...AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A WRITE-UP OF HARKNESS MARSH IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF WIDE-AWAKE MAGAZINE!
HARKNESS MARSH AGAIN!
YES, SIR! IF THAT'S WHAT HARKNESS MARSH ADVISES, THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!
AND OUR SPECIAL GUEST TOMORROW WILL BE HARKNESS MARSH... WHO WILL DISCUSS HIS THEORY OF CYCLOGY...
HMMM!

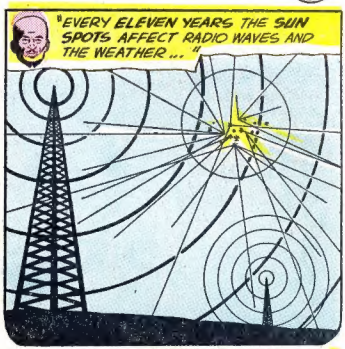

IT SURE IS FUNNY THE WAY YOU CAN LEARN A NEW WORD OR HEAR A NEW NAME FOR THE FIRST TIME--AND THEN SUDDENLY WHEREVER YOU GO YOU SEEM TO COME ACROSS THAT SAME WORD OR NAME! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HARKNESS MARSH!

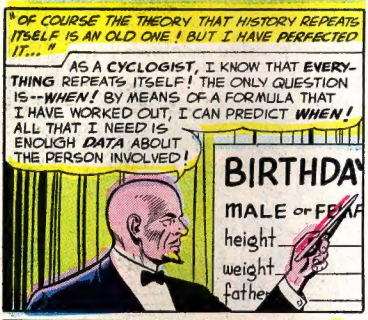

HE'S SURE GOT MY CURIOSITY UP! BUT WAIT--HERE'S A NOTICE OF A LECTURE BY HIM AT TOWN MEETING HALL TONIGHT! I'VE JUST GOT TIME TO MAKE IT!

SOON, AS HARKNESS MARSH MAKES HIS APPEARANCE ON STAGE...
WHAT A RECEPTION!
CLAP!
CLAP!

MY FRIENDS, I AM A CYCLOGIST--A WORD I INVENTED MYSELF! I BELIEVE THAT HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF--IN CYCLES! FOR EXAMPLE...

"THE ICE AGE REPEATS ITSELF PERIODICALLY IN EARTH'S HISTORY..."


"EVERY ELEVEN YEARS THE SUN SPOTS AFFECT RADIO WAVES AND THE WEATHER..."


"OF COURSE THE THEORY THAT HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF IS AN OLD ONE! BUT I HAVE PERFECTED IT..."
AS A CYCLOGIST, I KNOW THAT EVERYTHING REPEATS ITSELF! THE ONLY QUESTION IS--WHEN! BY MEANS OF A FORMULA THAT I HAVE WORKED OUT, I CAN PREDICT WHEN! ALL THAT I NEED IS ENOUGH DATA ABOUT THE PERSON INVOLVED!
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MALE or FE
height
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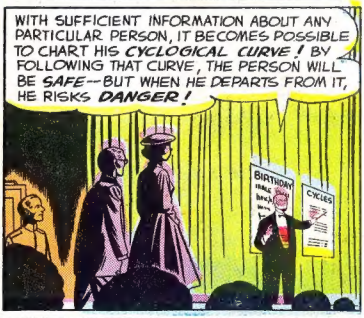
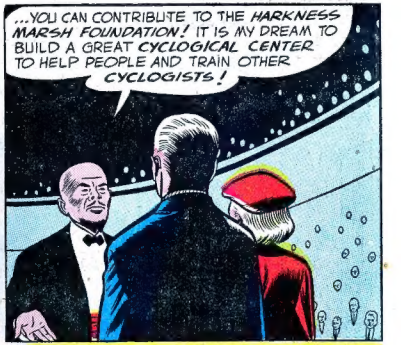

WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR PERSON, IT BECOMES POSSIBLE TO CHART HIS CYCLOGICAL CURVE! BY FOLLOWING THAT CURVE, THE PERSON WILL BE SAFE--BUT WHEN HE DEPARTS FROM IT, HE RISKS DANGER!
BIRTHDAY
CYCLES

TWO OF MY CLIENTS ARE COMING UP ON STAGE NOW FOR A CYCLOGICAL READING IN CONNECTION WITH A TRIP THEY WANT TO TAKE TO THE WEST COAST! MR. AND MRS. ALBERTS...

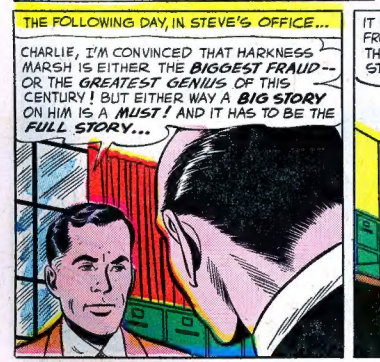
YOU MUST BOARD YOUR PLANE ON THE 28TH OF THIS MONTH! BY YOUR CYCLOGICAL CURVE, THAT IS THAT SAFEST TIME FOR YOU TO TRAVEL BY AIR!
WHAT BUNK!
BIRTHDAY
MALE
height
MALE

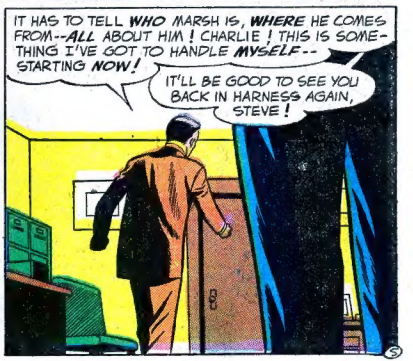
WE'LL DO EXACTLY AS YOU SAY, MR. MARSH! BUT-- HOW CAN WE REPAY YOU?
WELL, I NEVER ACCEPT ANY MONEY FOR MY ADVICE! BUT IF YOU WISH...


...YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE HARKNESS MARSH FOUNDATION! IT IS MY DREAM TO BUILD A GREAT CYCLOGICAL CENTER TO HELP PEOPLE AND TRAIN OTHER CYCLOGISTS!

EXCELLENT! I'LL MAKE A CHECK OUT TO YOUR FOUNDATION FOR $5000!
THAT'S MOST GENEROUS OF YOU, MR. ALBERTS!
Pay to the order of Harkness
No

AS THE UNIQUE EXHIBITION ENDS...
WHEW! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! MARSH MUST HAVE COLLECTED OVER $25,000 FOR HIS FOUNDATION THIS ONE EVENING! I MUST ADMIT I'M IMPRESSED! AND YET...


THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN STEVE'S OFFICE...
CHARLIE, I'M CONVINCED THAT HARKNESS MARSH IS EITHER THE BIGGEST FRAUD-- OR THE GREATEST GENIUS OF THIS CENTURY! BUT EITHER WAY A BIG STORY ON HIM IS A MUST! AND IT HAS TO BE THE FULL STORY...


IT HAS TO TELL WHO MARSH IS, WHERE HE COMES FROM--ALL ABOUT HIM! CHARLIE! THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO HANDLE MYSELF-- STARTING NOW!
IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN HARNESS AGAIN, STEVE!

SOON AFTER IN THE INNER SANCTUM OF THE FABULOUS CYCLOGIST...

I HAVEN'T COME AS A CLIENT, MR. MARSH--BUT AS A NEWSPAPERMAN--TO INTERVIEW YOU!

I NEVER GIVE INTERVIEWS, MR. WILSON!

I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE AT ONCE!

ALL RIGHT--BUT THIS WON'T PREVENT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS FROM TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU! IT'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO DIG IT OUT!

THAT EVENING, AFTER A HARD DAY OF TRACKING DOWN CLUES...

NOTHING... I'M GETTING NOWHERE ON MARSH! HE SEEMS TO HAVE NO BACKGROUND...EH? WHAT'S THIS POSTCARD?...

HMM! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IS TRYING TO HELP ME! I'M STYMIED ANYWAY! WHAT CAN I LOSE?

IF YOU WANT TO GET THE LOWDOWN ON HARKNESS MARSH TRY CARNIVAL PARK!

SOON AFTER... THE CARD DIDN'T MENTION WHO TO TRY IN CARNIVAL PARK--BUT I USED TO KNOW THE GENERAL MANAGER HERE, A MR. FERRIS! I MIGHT AS WELL START WITH HIM...

CARNIVAL

LOOP GAME

LATER, AS MANAGER FERRIS PORES OVER A PHOTOGRAPH OF MARSH CLIPPED FROM A MAGAZINE...

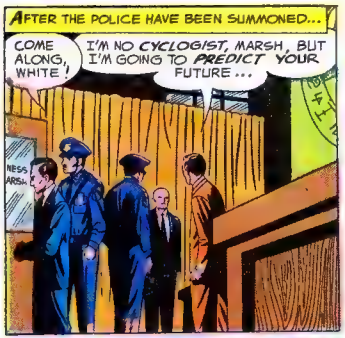
WHY, YES--HE DOES LOOK FAMILIAR! I REMEMBER--HE WAS ONE OF OUR HELP--A BARKER NAMED EDDIE BENSTON WHO WORKED HERE FOR YEARS!

NOW I'M GETTING SOMEWHERE!

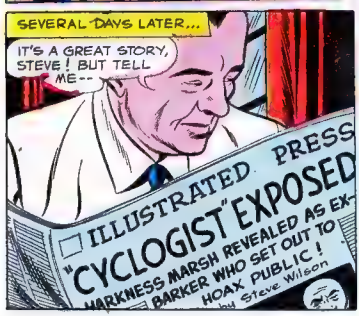
BENSTON WORKED MOSTLY FOR MADAM AULU, THE FORTUNE TELLER!
THANKS, FERRIS! I'LL TRY HER NEXT...
MADAM AULU
THAT'S EDDIE BENSTON, ALL RIGHT! I NEVER LIKED HIM, MR. WILSON! HE THOUGHT HE WAS TOO GOOD FOR US! HE TALKED A LOT AND HAD BIG IDEAS...
WHAT KIND OF BIG IDEAS, MADAME AULU?
WELL, HE CLAIMED THAT MOST PEOPLE WERE SUCKERS! HE BOASTED THAT SOMEDAY HE'D MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS WITH A SCHEME BASED ON CYCLES OR SOMETHING...
CYCLES?
THEN, SUDDENLY...
MR. WILSON BEWARE--THE MAN IN BLACK!!
SOMEONE WITH A GUN POINTED AT ME!
WITH ONE MOTION, THE HARD-MUSCLED NEWSMAN SEIZES HIS ONLY POSSIBLE WEAPON, AND...
BAM!
SMASH!

A QUICK FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY STEVE WILSON...
GOT TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE CAN FIRE AGAIN!
THE NEXT MOMENT... A SWEEP OF THE ARM KNOCKS THE GUN OUT OF THE ATTACKER'S HAND...
HE'S RUNNING FOR IT!
LEAPING TO THE PURSUIT, THE EDITOR CHASES HIS QUARRY THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF THE GREAT CITY...
I'M STILL ON HIS HEELS!
GETTING INTO THAT SUBWAY CAR! I CAN JUST MAKE THE ONE NEAREST ME BEFORE IT CLOSES!
GOING INTO THAT BUILDING!
SUBWAY
SCANT SECONDS LATER...
THE ELEVATOR THAT TOOK MY WOULD-BE-KILLER UP HERE STOPPED ONLY AT THIS FLOOR! AND HERE IS... HARKNESS MARSH'S OFFICE!
HARKNESS MARSH
MY ADVICE TO YOU, MR. BAILEY, IS TO TRANSACT NO BUSINESS TODAY! YOUR CYCLOGICAL CURVE SIGNALS DANGER!
DANGER IS RIGHT!

THEN, AS MARSH SPOTS THE NEWCOMER...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, WILSON?
LISTEN, A MAN IN BLACK SHOT AT ME--AND I CHASED HIM HERE ACROSS HALF OF BIG TOWN...
ARE YOU ACCUSING ME--?
I COULDN'T HAVE MADE ANY MISTAKE! I SAW THE KILLER COME INTO THIS BUILDING, RIDE UP TO THIS FLOOR, AND NOW--
--HERE HE IS! AL "PINKY" WHITE--ALIAS "MR. BAILEY"!
YOU'RE ALL WET, WILSON! YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME--!
SURE I HAVE, PINKY! FIRST OF ALL, I HELPED SEND YOU UP THE RIVER FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, REMEMBER? YOU SWORE REVENGE! THIS SUMMER YOU GOT OUT! AND YOU WORKED OUT A VERY CLEVER SCHEME TO KILL ME--AND PLANT SUSPICION ON MARSH HERE!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SENT ME THE FIRST LETTER DEMANDING AN EXPOSÉ ON MARSH! AND AFTER THAT YOU SENT IN OTHER HINTS THAT YOU'D FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM! YOU PLANNED IT ALL SO THAT MARSH WOULD BE BLAMED WHEN YOU SHOT ME!
DESPERATELY, THE EX-CONVICT SWINGS FOR THE NEWSMAN'S JAW...
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO JAIL, PINKY--YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU GET ANOTHER CRACK AT ME!



YOU'RE AN OUT-AND-OUT FAKE! AND WHEN THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS GETS THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL THINK YOU'VE BEEN GOING AROUND IN CYCLES FOR A YEAR!


SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
IT'S A GREAT STORY, STEVE! BUT TELL ME--
ILLUSTRATED PRESS
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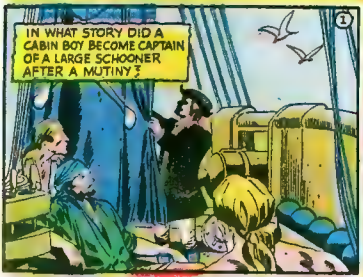

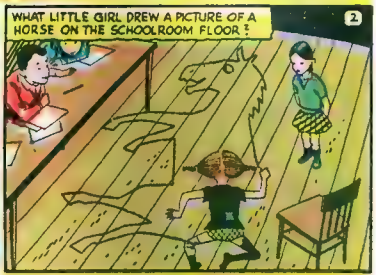

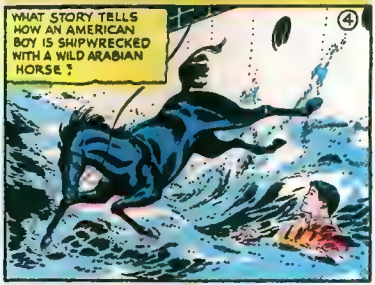

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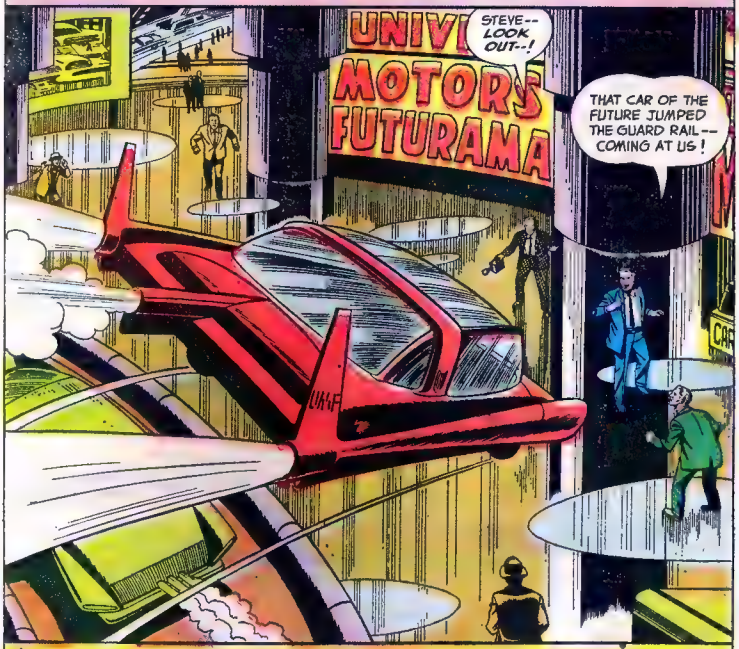
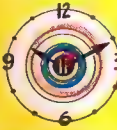


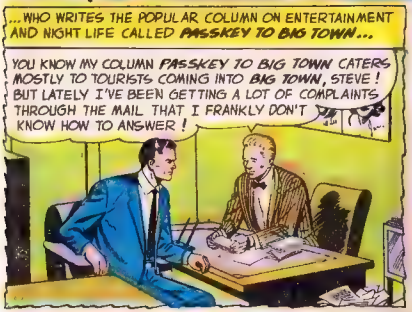
IT SEEMED LIKE A PERFECTLY PEACEFUL DAY! ALL STEVE WILSON HAD TO DO--BY A SELF-ASSIGNED TASK--WAS TO VISIT ALL THE PLACES IN *BIG TOWN* WHERE ENTERTAINMENT WAS TO BE HAD *FREE OF CHARGE*--LIKE TV STUDIOS, MUSEUM EXHIBITS, AND THE LIKE!
BUT BEFORE AN HOUR HAD GONE BY ON THIS PLEASANT-SOUNDING TOUR, THE VETERAN NEWSHAWK KNEW THAT HE WAS IN FOR A *SQUEEZE-PLAY*, WITH HIS LIFE IN THE BALANCE!

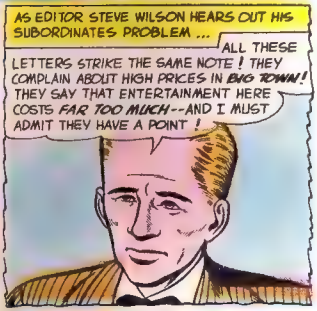
Passkey to BIG TOWN!

ONE MORNING, THE ENTIRE EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF STEVE WILSON...
HERE HE COMES!
ALL RIGHT, STEVE! WE'RE READY IF YOU ARE! EMPTY OUT YOUR POCKETS!

BUT WHAT, YOU WONDER, IS THE MEANING OF THIS STRANGE BEGINNING TO STEVE WILSON'S DAY? IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND IT, LET US TURN BACK THE CLOCK JUST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS TO A SCENE IN THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE OF GRANT WOODLEY...




...WHO WRITES THE POPULAR COLUMN ON ENTERTAINMENT AND NIGHT LIFE CALLED PASSKEY TO BIG TOWN...
YOU KNOW MY COLUMN PASSKEY TO BIG TOWN CATERS MOSTLY TO TOURISTS COMING INTO BIG TOWN, STEVE! BUT LATELY I'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS THROUGH THE MAIL THAT I FRANKLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER!


AS EDITOR STEVE WILSON HEARS OUT HIS SUBORDINATES PROBLEM...
ALL THESE LETTERS STRIKE THE SAME NOTE! THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT HIGH PRICES IN BIG TOWN! THEY SAY THAT ENTERTAINMENT HERE COSTS FAR TOO MUCH--AND I MUST ADMIT THEY HAVE A POINT!

BUT THESE LETTER WRITERS ARE NOT BEING FAIR TO BIG TOWN, GRANT! SURE, THERE'S EXPENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT, BUT THERE'S ALSO A GREAT DEAL THAT DOESN'T COST A PENNY!
WAIT A MINUTE--!

THE NEXT DAY...

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER

STEVE WILSON TO TRY UNIQUE STUNT!

EDITOR OF ILLUSTRATED PRESS WILL APPEAR ON TV AND RADIO TONIGHT TO GIVE DETAILS OF HIS NOVEL IDEA!

THAT EVENING... --AND I BELIEVE THAT ***BIG TOWN*** IS THE GREATEST PLACE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY MONEY OR NOT! I'M GOING TO PROVE MY THEORY IN THE FOLLOWING WAY! I AM GOING TO START OUT TOMORROW MORNING...

WCST

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

...WITHOUT A SINGLE CENT IN MY POCKET--ABSOLUTELY FLAT BROKE! I SHALL GO FROM ONE FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO ANOTHER--ALL DAY LONG! AND EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO IS INVITED ALONG TO WATCH ME--TO SEE IF I HAVE A ***GOOD TIME*** OR NOT!

LATER, BEHIND DRAWN BLINDS IN A CERTAIN APARTMENT IN ***BIG TOWN***...

IT'S HERE ON THE FRONT PAGE, HARRIS--THE LIST OF PLACES THAT STEVE WILSON IS GOING TO VISIT DURING HIS STUNT!

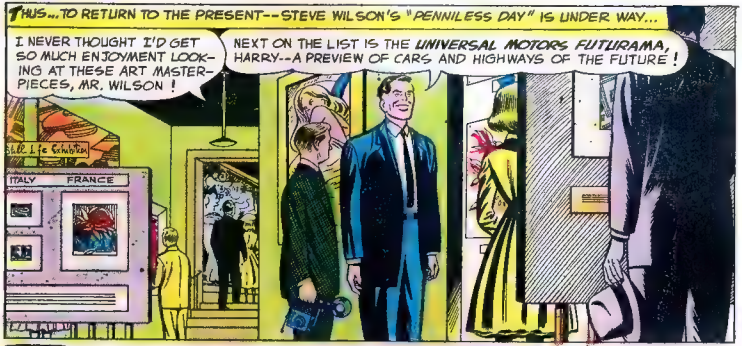
LEMME SEE--!

ED PRESS

HERE IT IS! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! WILSON IS DUE AT THE ***THORNHILL JEWEL COLLECTION*** IN THE AFTERNOON! HE COULD RUIN EVERYTHING FOR US!

UNIVERSAL MOTORS EXHIBIT!

THE ***THORNHILL COLLECTION*** IS SHOWN PUBLICLY FOR ONLY ***ONE HOUR*** ONCE A ***YEAR***! WE ***CAN'T*** POSTPONE OUR JOB--SO THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER ANSWER! STEVE WILSON MUST BE ***STOPPED*** BEFORE HE REACHES THERE!


THUS...TO RETURN TO THE PRESENT--STEVE WILSON'S "PENNILESS DAY" IS UNDER WAY...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET SO MUCH ENJOYMENT LOOKING AT THESE ART MASTERPIECES, MR. WILSON !
NEXT ON THE LIST IS THE UNIVERSAL MOTORS FUTURAMA, HARRY--A PREVIEW OF CARS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE FUTURE !
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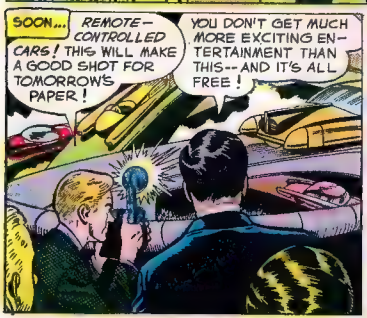
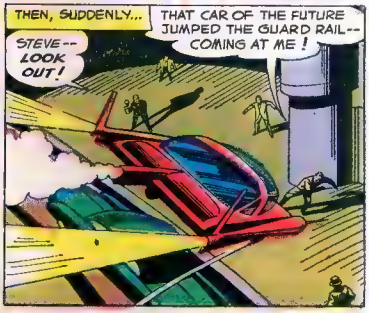
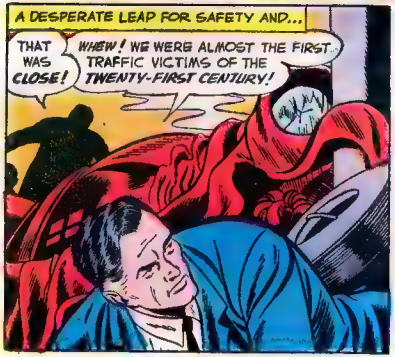
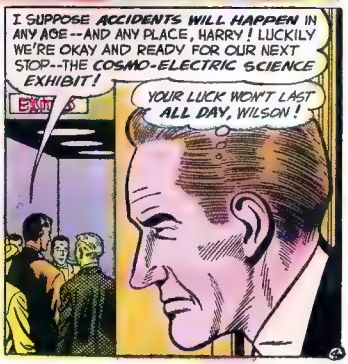

SOON... REMOTE-CONTROLLED CARS ! THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD SHOT FOR TOMORROW'S PAPER !
YOU DON'T GET MUCH MORE EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT THAN THIS--AND IT'S ALL FREE !

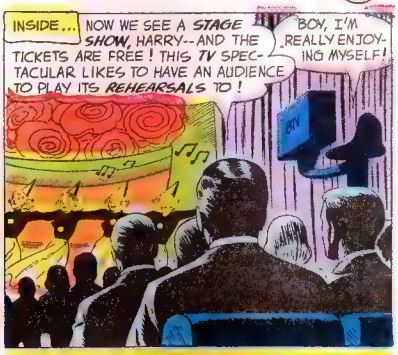

THEN, SUDDENLY...
THAT CAR OF THE FUTURE JUMPED THE GUARD RAIL--COMING AT ME !
STEVE--LOOK OUT !

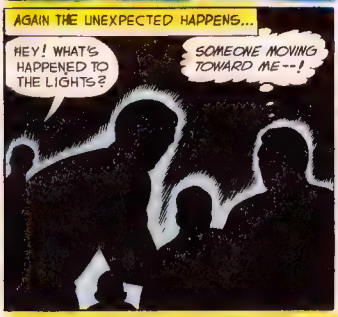

A DESPERATE LEAP FOR SAFETY AND...
THAT WAS CLOSE !
WHEW ! WE WERE ALMOST THE FIRST TRAFFIC VICTIMS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY !

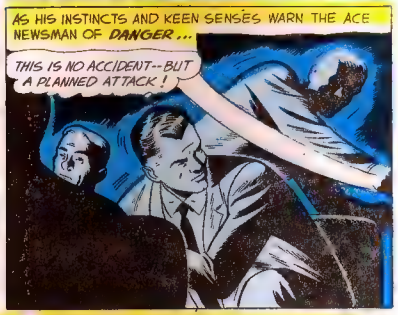

I SUPPOSE ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN IN ANY AGE--AND ANY PLACE, HARRY ! LUCKILY WE'RE OKAY AND READY FOR OUR NEXT STOP--THE COSMO-ELECTRIC SCIENCE EXHIBIT !
EXIT
YOUR LUCK WON'T LAST ALL DAY, WILSON !

SHORTLY, AT THE FREE SCIENCE DISPLAY OF THE COSMO-ELECTRIC COMPANY...
WOW! INDOOR LIGHTNING!
HERE'S SOMETHING EVEN BETTER, HARRY! I'D LIKE TO HEAR SOMEONE SAY THIS ISN'T ENTERTAINING...
THAT DISK--FLOATING IN MID-AIR! WH-WH'AT'S HOLDING IT UP?
IT'S BEING SUSPENDED IN AIR BY MAGNETIC FORCES FROM THOSE TWO MAGNETS ABOVE IT! I'M GOING ON IT...
WHAT A SENSATION! YOU KNOW THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING UNDERNEATH YOU--AND YET YOU STAY UP!
FLICK!
THE NEXT MOMENT, WITHOUT WARNING, THE DISK PLUMMETS DOWN...
LEFT ME HANGING IN SPACE!
BAM!
WITH A SUPREME EFFORT, THE VETERAN NEWSHAWK TWISTS HIMSELF AROUND IN MID-AIR, AND...
CAUGHT HOLD OF ONE OF THE MAGNETS!
HANG ON, CHIEF! I'LL GET A LADDER!
STRANGE... THIS SEEMS TO BE MY DAY FOR ACCIDENTS!
THE DISPLAY MANAGER HERE SAYS SOMEONE MUST HAVE SHUT OFF THE MAGNETS!

NOT LONG AFTERWARD...
WE'VE PICKED UP QUITE A FOLLOWING NOW--PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WATCH ME MAKE MY FREE TOUR OF BIG TOWN!
IT'S STEVE WILSON--GOING INTO THAT TV THEATRE!
WE INVITE THE PUBLI

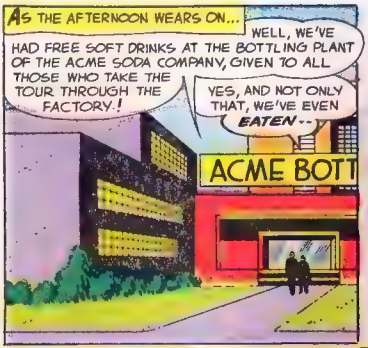

INSIDE... NOW WE SEE A STAGE SHOW, HARRY--AND THE TICKETS ARE FREE! THIS TV SPECTACULAR LIKES TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE TO PLAY ITS REHEARSALS TO!
BOY, I'M REALLY ENJOYING MYSELF!

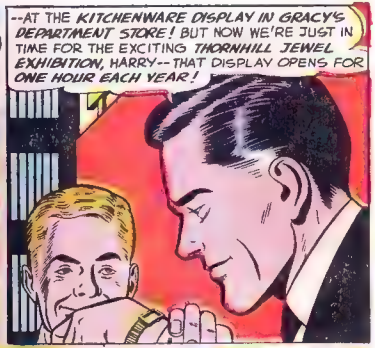

AGAIN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS...
HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?
SOMEONE MOVING TOWARD ME--!

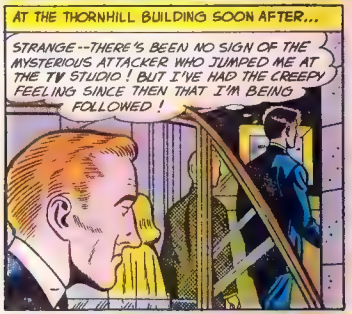

AS HIS INSTINCTS AND KEEN SENSES WARN THE ACE NEWSMAN OF DANGER...
THIS IS NO ACCIDENT--BUT A PLANNED ATTACK!

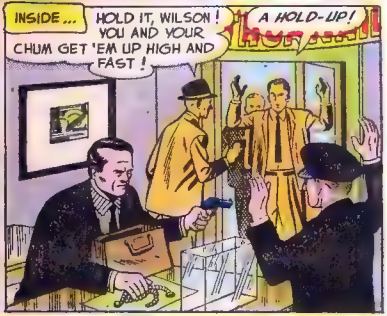
TIMING HIS OWN COUNTER-ATTACK, STEVE LASHES OUT AT HIS MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT...
HIT HIM--RIGHT ON THE BUTTON!

BY THE TIME THE LIGHTS SNAP ON AGAIN...
NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, FOLKS! PLEASE RE-TURN TO YOUR SEATS!
GOT OUT THAT EXIT DOOR! I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW! BUT WHY DID HE ATTACK ME? WHO WAS HE?

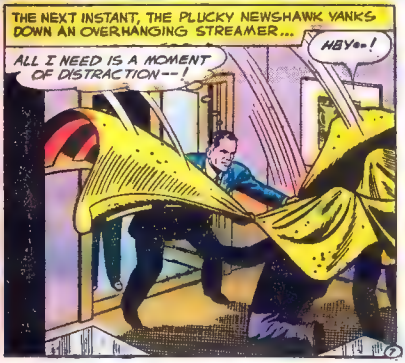

AS THE AFTERNOON WEARS ON...
WELL, WE'VE HAD FREE SOFT DRINKS AT THE BOTTLING PLANT OF THE ACME SODA COMPANY, GIVEN TO ALL THOSE WHO TAKE THE TOUR THROUGH THE FACTORY!
YES, AND NOT ONLY THAT, WE'VE EVEN EATEN--
ACME BOTT


--AT THE KITCHENWARE DISPLAY IN GRACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE! BUT NOW WE'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE EXCITING THORNHILL JEWEL EXHIBITION, HARRY--THAT DISPLAY OPENS FOR ONE HOUR EACH YEAR!

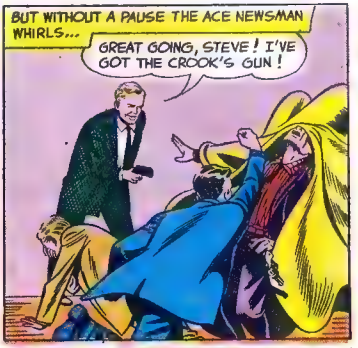

AT THE THORNHILL BUILDING SOON AFTER...
STRANGE--THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF THE MYSTERIOUS ATTACKER WHO JUMPED ME AT THE TV STUDIO! BUT I'VE HAD THE CREEPY FEELING SINCE THEN THAT I'M BEING FOLLOWED!


INSIDE...
HOLD IT, WILSON! YOU AND YOUR CHUM GET 'EM UP HIGH AND FAST!
A HOLD-UP!

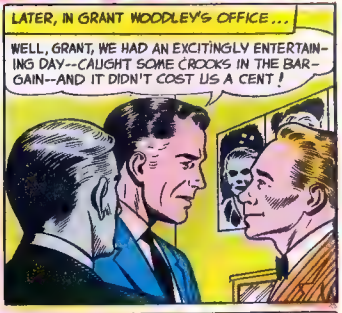
I'VE GOT THE GEMS! LET'S GET TO THE CAR!
CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS!


THE NEXT INSTANT, THE PLUCKY NEWSHAWK YANKS DOWN AN OVERHANGING STREAMER...
ALL I NEED IS A MOMENT OF DISTRACTION--!
HEY--!

THEN, BEFORE HIS FOES CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SURPRISE...
DROP THAT GUN!
PLUG HIM, HARRIS!


BUT WITHOUT A PAUSE THE ACE NEWSMAN WHIRLS...
GREAT GOING, STEVE! I'VE GOT THE CROOK'S GUN!

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE SOON AFTER...
--AND THE THIRD MAN WAS THE DRIVER OF THEIR GET-AWAY CAR, LIEUTENANT GREGGORY! WE CAPTURED HIM TOO! AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, HE'S THE ONE WHO'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME AROUND ALL DAY!
CLICK!


LATER, IN GRANT WOODLEY'S OFFICE...
WELL, GRANT, WE HAD AN EXCITINGLY ENTERTAINING DAY--CAUGHT SOME CROOKS IN THE BARGAIN--AND IT DIDN'T COST US A CENT!

I GUESS THIS PROVES THAT YOU DON'T ABSOLUTELY NEED BIG MONEY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME IN BIG TOWN! MAYBE IT WILL IMPRESS THOSE OUT-OF-TOWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING TO YOU!
I DON'T SEE HOW IT CAN MISS, STEVE!

LATER, AS TWO WEARY NEWSMEN WEND THEIR WAY HOMEWARD...
ER--
LOAN ME A DIME FOR THE BUS, WILL YOU, HARRY? I'M BROKE!
ACY
STATE AND MAIN ST.
BUS STOP
The End

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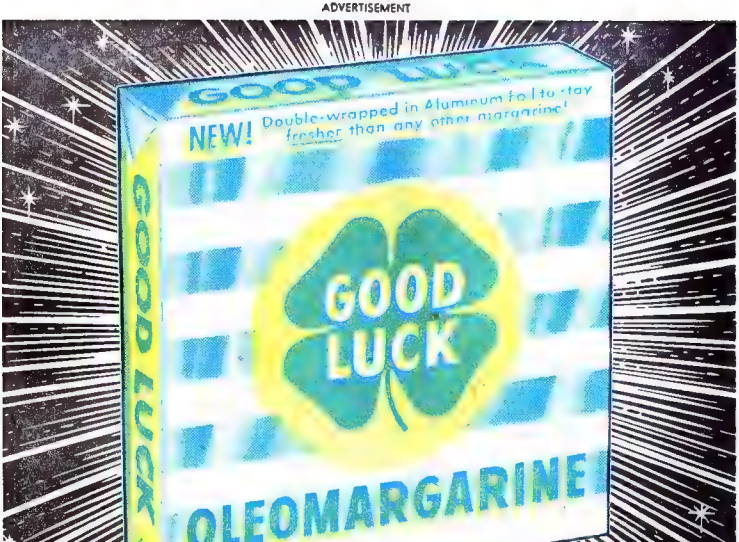

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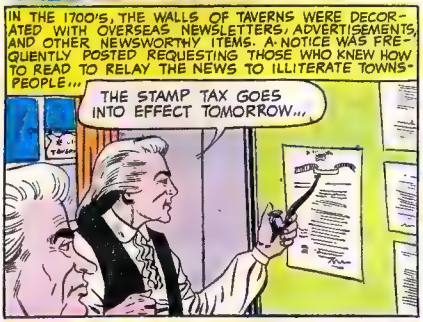
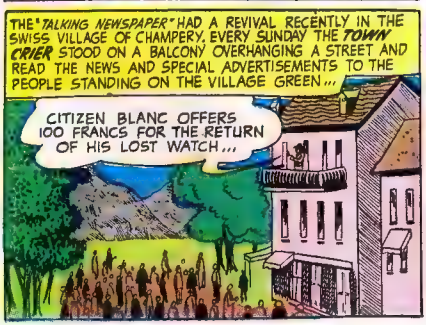
17TH CENTURY FRANCE ORIGINATED THE IDEA OF A *"TALKING NEWSPAPER"*-- IN WHICH MEN STOOD IN THE STREET AND TOLD PASSERS-BY NEWS ITEMS THEY HAD LEARNED. AFTER DISPENSING THE INFORMATION, THE NEWSCASTERS HELD OUT THEIR HATS FOR AN EXPECTED REMUNERATION...

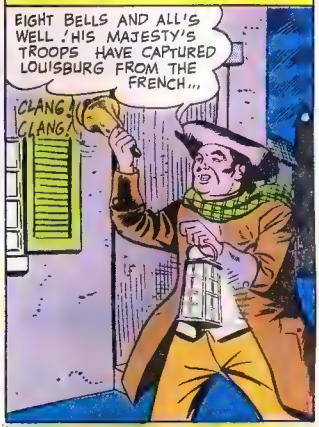
IN THE 1700'S, THE WALLS OF TAVERNS WERE DECORATED WITH OVERSEAS NEWSLETTERS, ADVERTISEMENTS, AND OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS. A NOTICE WAS FREQUENTLY POSTED REQUESTING THOSE WHO KNEW HOW TO READ TO RELAY THE NEWS TO ILLITERATE TOWNSPEOPLE...



THE *"TALKING NEWSPAPER"* HAD A REVIVAL RECENTLY IN THE SWISS VILLAGE OF CHAMPERY. EVERY SUNDAY THE ***TOWN CRIER*** STOOD ON A BALCONY OVERHANGING A STREET AND READ THE NEWS AND SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS TO THE PEOPLE STANDING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN...



DURING COLONIAL DAYS OF NEW ENGLAND, THE BELLMAN MAKING HIS ROUNDS NOT ONLY CALLED OUT THE TIME BUT ANNOUNCED IMPORTANT NEWS EVENTS...



THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF TELEVISION, THERE HAS NOW BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO US NOT ONLY A *"TALKING NEWSPAPER"* BUT AN "ILLUSTRATED" ONE AS WELL...

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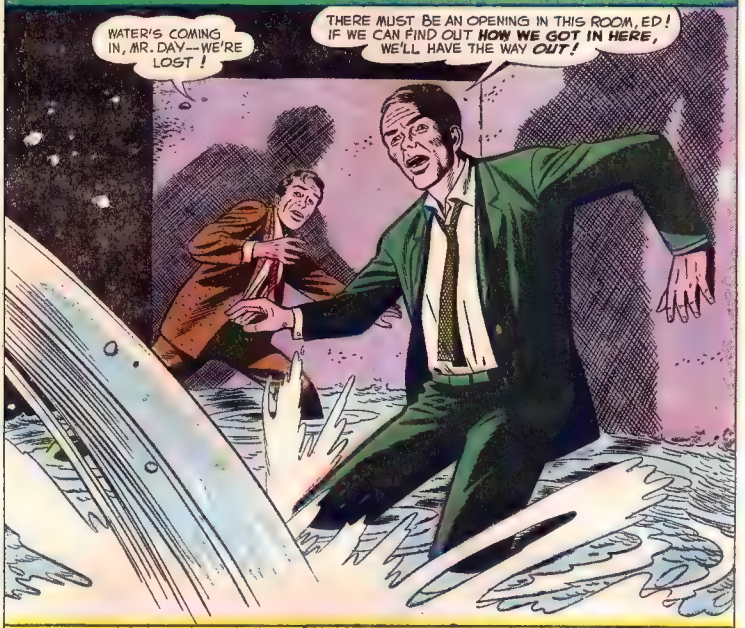
WATER'S COMING IN, MR. DAY--WE'RE LOST !
THERE MUST BE AN OPENING IN THIS ROOM, ED ! IF WE CAN FIND OUT HOW WE GOT IN HERE, WE'LL HAVE THE WAY OUT !

IN EVERY ISSUE OF *BIG TOWN'S ILLUSTRATED PRESS*, DANNY DAY WROTE A HUMAN INTEREST STORY WITH A *SNAPPER* AT THE END--*AN IRONIC TWIST!* BUT THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN THE ACE COLUMNIST'S WELL OF INSPIRATION RAN DRY AND HE THOUGHT HE WAS FINISHED AS A WRITER--UNTIL FATE INVOLVED HIM IN AN ADVENTURE THAT COULD ONLY HAVE COME STRAIGHT FROM HIS OWN TYPEWRITER !

THE DILEMMA OF DANNY DAY !

AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS, COLUMNIST DANNY DAY SITS MOTIONLESS...
FOR FIFTEEN YEARS I'VE BEEN TURNING OUT MY COLUMN "DAY BY DAY"--LITTLE STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST WITH A KICKER AT THE END, AN IRONIC TWIST! BUT NOW I'VE RUN DRY!
TEN HOURS I'VE SAT HERE...AND I CAN'T GET AN IDEA! I'M WASHED UP--FINISHED! I MIGHT AS WELL GO INTO STEVE NOW AND HAND IN MY RESIGNATION...
SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICE OF EDITOR STEVE WILSON...
SO YOU WANT TO QUIT, DANNY--CAN'T THINK OF A STORY IDEA? WELL, LET ME REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING YOU TOLD ME YEARS AGO! YOU SAID THERE WAS A STORY IN EVERY HUMAN BEING!
YOU BOASTED THAT YOU COULD TAKE ANYBODY--A NAME FROM A PHONE BOOK, FOR INSTANCE--AND GET A STORY OUT OF THAT PERSON--NO MATTER WHO IT TURNED OUT TO BE! HOW ABOUT TRYING IT NOW?
BIG TOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
HOLD ON, STEVE! THAT WAS JUST SOMETHING I SAID--LONG AGO!
IF IT WAS TRUE THEN, IT'S TRUE NOW! JUST STICK YOUR FINGER ON THIS PAGE AT RANDOM! COME ON, FELLA...
UNDER THE URGING OF THE VETERAN NEWS-HAWK, THE COLUMNIST JABS HIS FORFINGER ON THE TELEPHONE PAGE...
BARNES EDGAR 4701 WOODLAWN
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, STEVE--MAYBE THIS IS THE ANSWER! ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A CHANCE! BUT IF IT DOESN'T WORK--!
IT'S GOT TO WORK, DANNY! GO AHEAD AND TRY--
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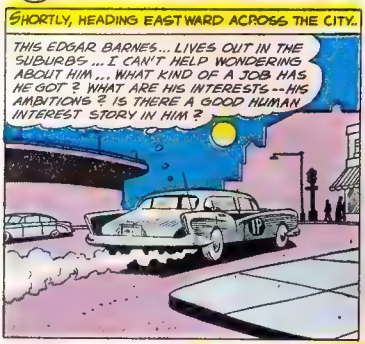
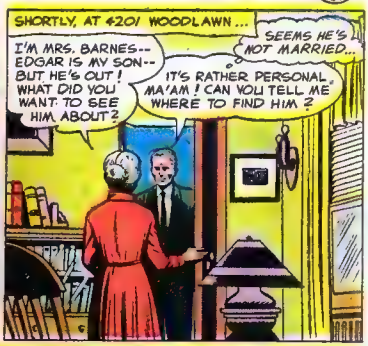
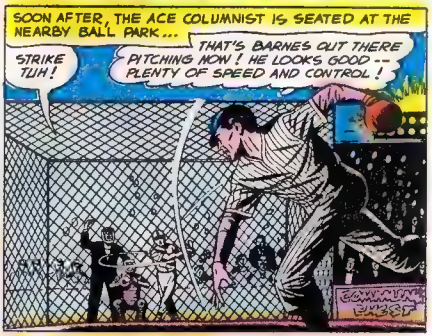
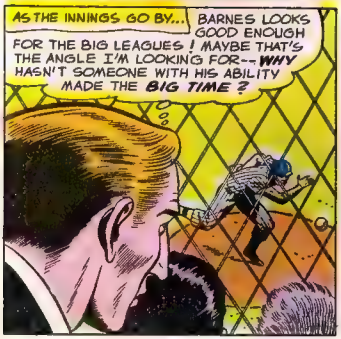
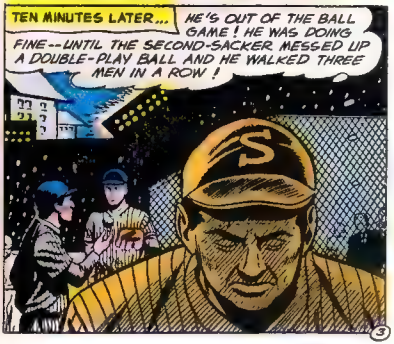

SHORTLY, HEADING EASTWARD ACROSS THE CITY..
THIS EDGAR BARNES... LIVES OUT IN THE SUBURBS ... I CAN'T HELP WONDERING ABOUT HIM... WHAT KIND OF A JOB HAS HE GOT ? WHAT ARE HIS INTERESTS -- HIS AMBITIONS ? IS THERE A GOOD HUMAN INTEREST STORY IN HIM ?


SHORTLY, AT 4201 WOODLAWN ...
I'M MRS. BARNES -- EDGAR IS MY SON -- BUT HE'S OUT ! WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE HIM ABOUT ?
SEEMS HE'S NOT MARRIED...
IT'S RATHER PERSONAL MA'AM ! CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE TO FIND HIM ?

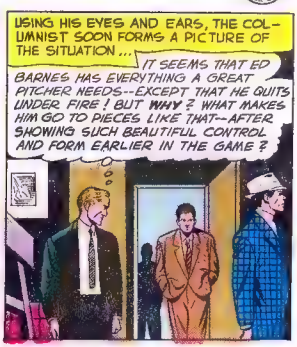
CERTAINLY ! EDGAR IS THE PITCHER FOR THE SUBURBANITES, THE LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM ! IF YOU HURRY, YOU CAN CATCH HIM AT THE BALL PARK !
THANKS !

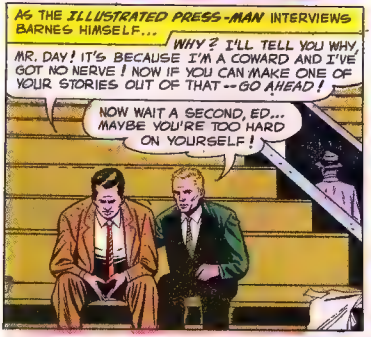

SOON AFTER, THE ACE COLUMNIST IS SEATED AT THE NEARBY BALL PARK...
STRIKE TUH !
THAT'S BARNES OUT THERE PITCHING NOW ! HE LOOKS GOOD -- PLENTY OF SPEED AND CONTROL !

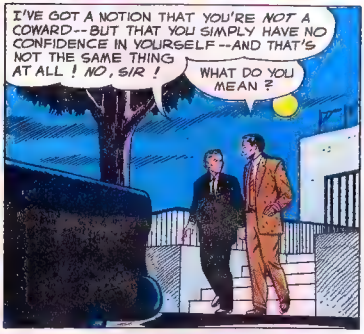

AS THE INNINGS GO BY...
BARNES LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE BIG LEAGUES ! MAYBE THAT'S THE ANGLE I'M LOOKING FOR -- WHY HASN'T SOMEONE WITH HIS ABILITY MADE THE BIG TIME ?


TEN MINUTES LATER...
HE'S OUT OF THE BALL GAME ! HE WAS DOING FINE -- UNTIL THE SECOND-SACKER MESSED UP A DOUBLE-PLAY BALL AND HE WALKED THREE MEN IN A ROW !

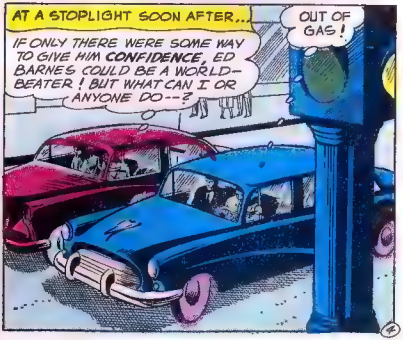
AFTER THE GAME, AS DANNY STRIKES UP AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE MANAGER OF THE TEAM ...
SURE, BARNES HAS A WORLD OF STUFF AS LONG AS HE'S AHEAD, BUT AS SOON AS HIS TEAM GETS BEHIND, HE JUST BLOWS UP!

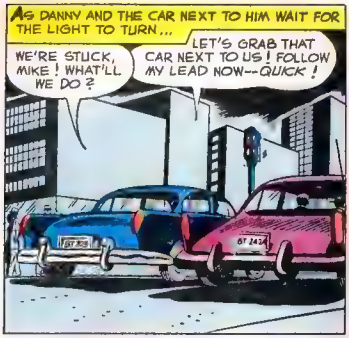

USING HIS EYES AND EARS, THE COLUMNIST SOON FORMS A PICTURE OF THE SITUATION ...
IT SEEMS THAT ED BARNES HAS EVERYTHING A GREAT PITCHER NEEDS--EXCEPT THAT HE QUITS UNDER FIRE! BUT WHY? WHAT MAKES HIM GO TO PIECES LIKE THAT--AFTER SHOWING SUCH BEAUTIFUL CONTROL AND FORM EARLIER IN THE GAME?

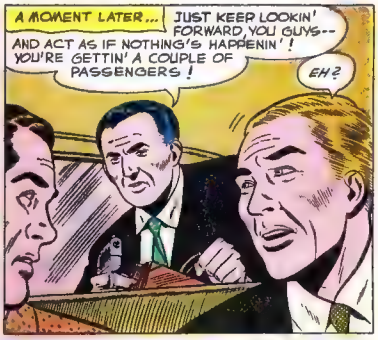

AS THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS-MAN INTERVIEWS BARNES HIMSELF...
WHY? I'LL TELL YOU WHY, MR. DAY! IT'S BECAUSE I'M A COWARD AND I'VE GOT NO NERVE! NOW IF YOU CAN MAKE ONE OF YOUR STORIES OUT OF THAT--GO AHEAD!
NOW WAIT A SECOND, ED... MAYBE YOU'RE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF!

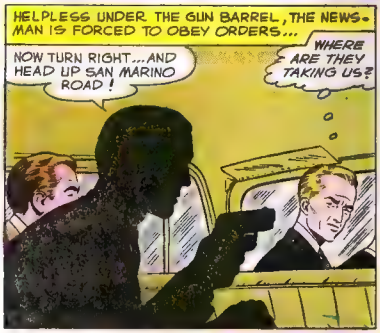

I'VE GOT A NOTION THAT YOU'RE NOT A COWARD--BUT THAT YOU SIMPLY HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF--AND THAT'S NOT THE SAME THING AT ALL! NO, SIR!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

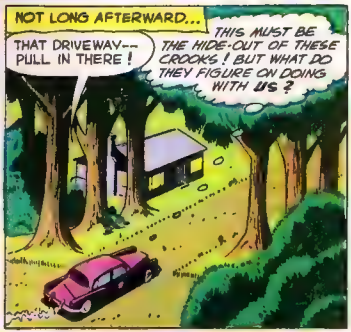
YOU'RE UNSURE OF YOURSELF--UNCERTAIN! AND WHEN THE PRESSURE IS ON, YOU LOSE YOUR HEAD! HOP IN, ED, I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME!
THANKS...

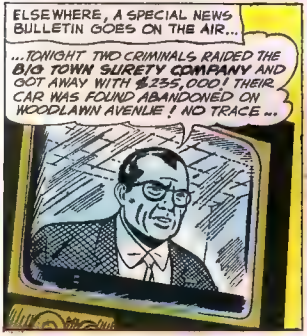

AT A STOPLIGHT SOON AFTER...
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY TO GIVE HIM CONFIDENCE, ED BARNES COULD BE A WORLD-BEATER! BUT WHAT CAN I OR ANYONE DO--?
OUT OF GAS!

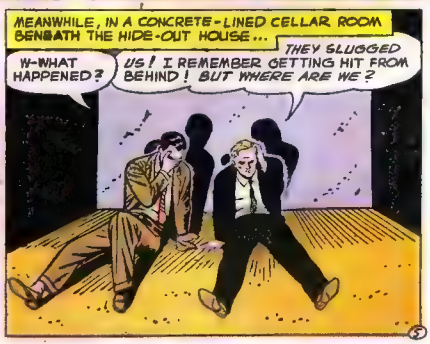

AS DANNY AND THE CAR NEXT TO HIM WAIT FOR THE LIGHT TO TURN...
WE'RE STUCK, MIKE! WHAT'LL WE DO?
LET'S GRAB THAT CAR NEXT TO US! FOLLOW MY LEAD NOW--QUICK!


A MOMENT LATER...
JUST KEEP LOOKIN' FORWARD, YOU GUYS-- AND ACT AS IF NOTHING'S HAPPENIN'! YOU'RE GETTIN' A COUPLE OF PASSENGERS!
EH?

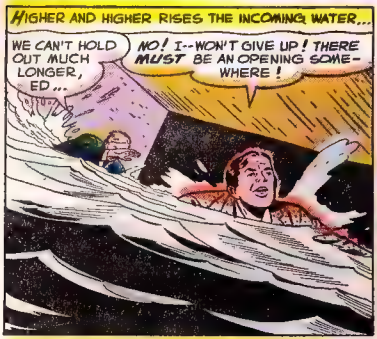

HELPLESS UNDER THE GUN BARREL, THE NEWSMAN IS FORCED TO OBEY ORDERS...
NOW TURN RIGHT... AND HEAD UP SAN MARINO ROAD!
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US?

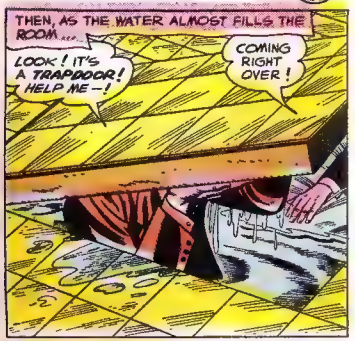

NOT LONG AFTERWARD...
THAT DRIVEWAY--- PULL IN THERE!
THIS MUST BE THE HIDE-OUT OF THESE CROOKS! BUT WHAT DO THEY FIGURE ON DOING WITH US?

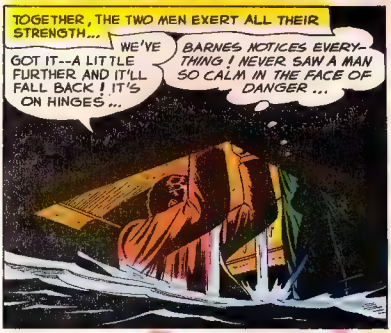

ELSEWHERE, A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN GOES ON THE AIR...
...TONIGHT TWO CRIMINALS RAIDED THE BIG TOWN SURETY COMPANY AND GOT AWAY WITH $235,000! THEIR CAR WAS FOUND ABANDONED ON WOODLAWN AVENUE! NO TRACE...

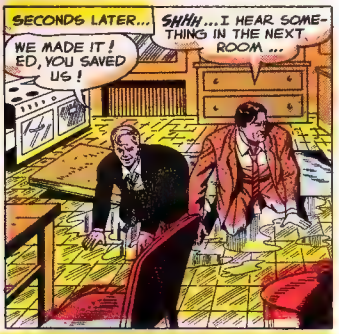

MEANWHILE, IN A CONCRETE-LINED CELLAR ROOM BENEATH THE HIDE-OUT HOUSE...
W-WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY SLUGGED US! I REMEMBER GETTING HIT FROM BEHIND! BUT WHERE ARE WE?

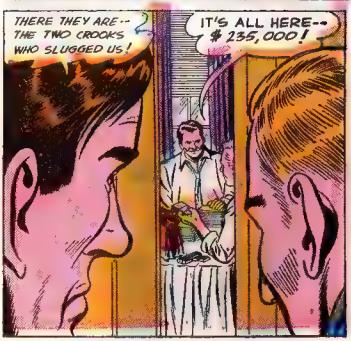
AS THE DAZED DUO STARES ABOUT THEM...
NO DOORS... NO WINDOWS! H-HOW DID THEY GET US IN HERE?
THAT'S NOT AS IMPORTANT AS HOW WE GET OUT! THAT PIECE OF PIPE--!
MAYBE WE CAN USE IT TO SMASH OUR WAY THROUGH A WALL!
LOOKS TOO SOLID TO ME!
AS THE MINUTES GO BY, MARKED BY FURIOUS EFFORT...
I--I DON'T THINK WE'RE GETTING ANYWHERE, MR. DAY!
WE CAN'T QUIT NOW, ED! KEEP YOUR COURAGE UP! WE'LL GET OUT!
THEN, SUDDENLY...
WATER--! MUST'VE BROKEN A MAIN--
I KNEW IT! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE DUG--NOW WE--WE'RE TRAPPED--WE'LL DROWN!
AS THE WATER SWIFTLY BEGINS TO FILL THE ROOM...
WATER'S RISING! THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT--THERE'S GOT TO BE!!
TAKE IT EASY, MR. DAY--NO SENSE CLAWING AT THOSE WALLS!
IT'S OBVIOUS THEY HAD TO PUT US DOWN HERE THROUGH SOME OPENING!
STRANGE! AT FIRST, BARNES WAS FRANTIC--BUT THEN AS THINGS BEGAN TO LOOK REALLY BAD, HE... SORT OF TOOK HOLD OF HIMSELF!

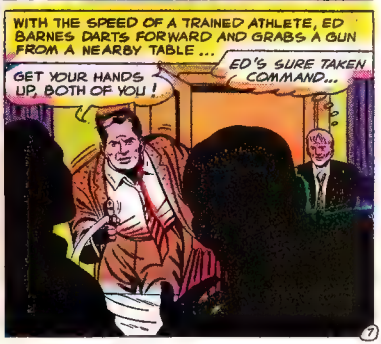

HIGHER AND HIGHER RISES THE INCOMING WATER...
WE CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER, ED...
NO! I--WON'T GIVE UP! THERE MUST BE AN OPENING SOMEWHERE!


THEN, AS THE WATER ALMOST FILLS THE ROOM...
LOOK! IT'S A TRAPDOOR! HELP ME--!
COMING RIGHT OVER!


TOGETHER, THE TWO MEN EXERT ALL THEIR STRENGTH...
WE'VE GOT IT--A LITTLE FURTHER AND IT'LL FALL BACK! IT'S ON HINGES...
BARNES NOTICES EVERYTHING! NEVER SAW A MAN SO CALM IN THE FACE OF DANGER...


SECONDS LATER...
WE MADE IT! ED, YOU SAVED US!
SHHH... I HEAR SOMETHING IN THE NEXT ROOM...


THERE THEY ARE-- THE TWO CROOKS WHO SLUGGED US!
IT'S ALL HERE-- $235,000!


WITH THE SPEED OF A TRAINED ATHLETE, ED BARNES DARTS FORWARD AND GRABS A GUN FROM A NEARBY TABLE...
GET YOUR HANDS UP, BOTH OF YOU!
ED'S SURE TAKEN COMMAND...

LATER, AFTER POLICE HAVE BEEN CALLED AND HAVE TAKEN THE THIEVES INTO CUSTODY...
ED, YOU WERE TERRIFIC!
IT'S FUNNY, MR. DAY...BUT DEEP DOWN I GUESS I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I LACKED COURAGE! AND THEN TONIGHT...
WHOOSH!
...ACTUALLY FACING DEATH, I WASN'T AFRAID! MAYBE I'M NOT A COWARD, AFTER ALL!
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT, ED--AND THIS OUGHT TO TEACH YOU TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT THE BALL PARK...
STRIKE THREEEE!
THAT'S THE BALL GAME! AND ED CAME FROM BEHIND TO WIN IT! HE'S WON HIS BATTLE, ALL RIGHT!
THEN, ONE DAY NOT LONG AFTERWARD...
I'M RORITY OF THE PANTHERS, BARNES! WE THINK YOU'RE READY FOR THE BIG LEAGUES!
ED'S FINALLY MADE IT--THE BIG TIME!
BACK AT THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE...
WELL, ED'S SIGNED A CONTRACT TO PLAY WITH THE PANTHERS--AND I'VE GOT MY STORY! HOW ONE DAY CHANGED A MAN'S WHOLE LIFE--AND GAVE HIM THE CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF HE ALWAYS NEEDED!
THERE'S BEEN NO MORE TALK OF QUITTING FROM DANNY--AND HIS STORIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER! I GUESS THAT ADVENTURE WITH ED BARNES GAVE DANNY THE CONFIDENCE HE NEEDED FOR A FRESH START!
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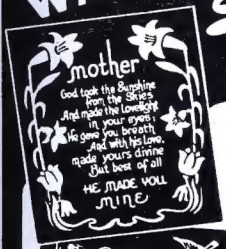

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